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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 14 and ending on page 28, line 23 with the following amended paragraph.

For example, an embodiment of the invention wherein in the two tubular members are sections of pipette tips is depicted in Fig.1 (Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the open lower end and extraction media chamber of the column). This embodiment is constructed from a frustoconical upper tubular member 2 and a frustoconical lower tubular member 3 engaged therewith. The engaging end 4 of the lower upper tubular member has a tapered bore that matches the tapered external surfaced of the engaging end 6 of the upper-lower tubular member, the engaging end of the lower tubular member receiving the engaging end of the upper tubular member in a telescoping relation. The tapered bore engages the tapered external surface snugly so as to form a good seal in the assembled column.